

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of producing aluminium alloy sheet material based on an AA3xxx alloy, which comprises:
  - continuous strip casting of a sheet at a predetermined solidification rate in a range from  $10^2$  to  $10^3$  °C/sec ensuring material microstructure exhibiting primary particles Fe-bearing particles of the type  $Al_6(Fe,Mn)$  and  $\alpha$ - $AlMnFeSi$  having average size below 1 micrometer<sup>2</sup>, and
  - cold rolling of the strip cast sheet to an appropriate gauge with optionally intermediate annealing during the cold rolling.
2. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the sheets are further annealed during cold rolling.
3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the alloy is cast to 4.5 mm thick strip and cold rolled to 0.58 mm followed by an intermediate annealing.
4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate annealing is undertaken in an air furnace by heating from room temperature to 340°C at 30°C/hour and soaking at 340°C for 3 hours.
5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein after the soaking, the material is cooled from 340°C to 200°C at 50°C/hour, and the material is cooled in air.
6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein after annealing, the material was further cold rolled to 60  $\mu$ m.
7. (Withdrawn) An aluminium alloy sheet, characterised in that

its material microstructure exhibits primary particles having average size below 1 micrometer<sup>2</sup>.

8. (Withdrawn) Aluminium alloy sheet according to claim 7,  
characterised in that  
the primary particles are iron-enriched particles ensuring improved pitting corrosion resistance.
9. (Withdrawn) Aluminium alloy sheet according to claim 7,  
characterised in that  
at least one of the flat surfaces is coated with a reactive flux retaining coating capable of providing joints in a brazing process, where the flat surface at least partially is coated with a flux retaining composition comprising a synthetic resin based, as its main constituent, on methacrylate homopolymer or a methacrylate copolymer.
10. (Withdrawn) Aluminium alloy sheet according to claim 7,  
characterised in that  
at least one of the flat surfaces is coated with a reactive flux or a normal flux to enable the sheet to be utilised as tube for clad fin in a heat exchanger.
11. (Withdrawn) Aluminium alloy sheet according to claim 7,  
characterised in that  
at least one of the flat surfaces is coated with Al-Si powders to enable the sheet to be utilised as header in a heat exchanger.
12. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 2,  
wherein the alloy is cast to 4.5 mm thick strip and cold rolled to 0.58 mm followed by an intermediate annealing.

13. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the intermediate annealing is undertaken in an air furnace by heating from room temperature to 340°C at 30°C/hour and soaking at 340°C for 3 hours.
14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein the intermediate annealing is undertaken in an air furnace by heating from room temperature to 340°C at 30°C/hour and soaking at 340°C for 3 hours.
15. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein after the soaking, the material is cooled from 340°C to 200°C at 50°C/hour, and the material is cooled in air.
16. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein after the soaking, the material is cooled from 340°C to 200°C at 50°C/hour, and the material is cooled in air.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein after annealing, the material was further cold rolled to 60 µm.
19. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein after annealing, the material was further cold rolled to 60 µm.
20. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein after annealing, the material was further cold rolled to 60 µm.
21. (Cancelled)